



WILSON WILLING IF COL. GOETHALS WANTS TO COME

President Will Retire Him
After Canal Is Finished,
if He Desires It.

WANTS MITCHEL
TO MAKE MARK

If He Must Have Panama
Executive, Administra-
tion May Yield.

FRIENDS ARE DOUBTFUL

Colonel Likes Idea of Police Com-
missionership—Mayor Sure
—Is Willing to Wait.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]
Washington, Jan. 25.—If Colonel
Goethals wants to be retired after the
Panama Canal has been put in opera-
tion, President Wilson will approve his
application.

This is the opinion of those close to
President Wilson to-night. The President
recognizes that Colonel Goethals
holds a warm spot in the hearts of the
American people, and it is felt by the
administration that it would be un-
grateful not to grant a request for re-
tirement. In addition to this consider-
ation, there is an earnest hope on the
part of the President that Major
Mitchell's administration will be a suc-
cess, so that a mere statement from
the Mayor that Colonel Goethals would
be of assistance in bringing that about
would lead to a quick response on the
part of the President.

Colonel Goethals, it was said last
night, will first be appointed Civil Gov-
ernor of the Canal Zone, and then,
after things have been placed on a
satisfactory basis, attempts will be
made by the government to engage his
services as superintendent of construction
on the proposed Alaskan railway. Then
if New York has amended its police
laws, Colonel Goethals will have to
choose between Alaska and New York.

Mayor Mitchell will be a speaker at
the banquet of the University Club in
Washington on Wednesday. It is ex-
pected, and it is considered likely, that
he will discuss the status of Colonel
Goethals with President Wilson while
at the Capitol.

It is known, the President has been
anxious to retain the services of Col-
onel Goethals for the government, be-
cause of the latter's great experience
in engineering matters. In the event
of the canal engineer being appointed
Police Commissioner these services
would be lost to the government.

President Wilson has favored the
one-man plan of government for the
Canal Zone from the beginning, in op-
position to the commission plan, it is
said, in which he agrees with Colonel
Goethals and Secretary Garrison.

Mayor Mitchell promptly discounted
any suggestion yesterday that in view
of conflicting cable dispatches from
Panama as to Colonel Goethals's pre-
sent attitude on the offer of the Police
Commissionership the Mayor might
not after all be able to secure the
noted army engineer for that office.
The Mayor apparently felt that the
matter had been decided. He declared
that he expected Colonel Goethals to
take the commissionership eventually,
when the conditions had been fulfilled
which Colonel Goethals imposed in his
letter to the Mayor.

"I have not announced his accept-
ance," said Mayor Mitchell. "I couldn't
announce his acceptance until certain
conditions he suggested had been met."

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LORD MURRAY OF ELLBANK.
(Photo by Campbell Studio.)

30 YACHTS LOST IN STUBBORN FIRE

Blaze at Port Washington
Also Destroys Ship-
building Plant.

Thirty yachts, chiefly of the motor
driven type, were destroyed at Port
Washington, Long Island, yesterday
morning in a fire that wiped out the
buildings and marine railway plant of
the Manhasset Shipbuilding Company,
formerly known as the Stationary Ma-
chine and Motor Supply Company. The
estimated loss is \$250,000.

One of the first yachts reached by
the blaze was the 60-foot, twin-screw
power boat *Mystery*, owned by Ralph
Pulitzer, a member of the Manhasset
Bay Yacht Club. The boat, which was
designed by Tams, Lemoine & Crane
and built by Lawley & Son, in 1910,
is credited with a speed of thirty-five
miles an hour.

So quickly did the fire spread, owing
to the inflammable nature of the mate-
rials stored about the place, that be-
fore the firemen were able to get a
stream on it saving the buildings was
out of the question, and their attention
was turned to the boats stored outside
the buildings. By pumping water from
the bay they were able to save much
of the yacht club property.

There was great excitement in the
village when the alarm sounded at 8:30
o'clock, and yachtsmen and others from
the various clubs in the neighborhood
rendered all possible assistance to the
local fire department.

Virtually all the speed boats hailing
from Port Washington were lost in the
fire. The three boats belonging to the
flag officers of the Port Washington
Yacht Club were destroyed. The com-
modore, C. C. Gould, lost his flagship,
the *Bessie*. A 37-foot twin screw speed
boat, the *Pandora*, owned by Vice-
Commodore Arthur T. Vance, editor of
"The Pictorial News," was reduced to
ashes, and so was the *Wee Wee*, owned
by Rear Commodore Clarence L.
Thompson. F. E. Kraemer, one of the
trustees of the Knickerbocker Yacht
Club, lost his semi-speed boat, the *Target*,
and Thomas B. Taylor's *Bullet*, said
to be worth \$50,000, also went up in
smoke.

Stephen H. Mason, vice-commodore
of the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club,
saved his \$30,000 twin-screw power
yacht, the *Leda*, which was hauled out
for the winter near the plant, but his
small launch, which he carried on the
Leda's davits, and a dingy, which
were in the building, were lost. Several
houseboats were saved and a num-
ber of sail yachts. An overheated pipe,
it is said, caused the fire, which was
one of the worst the Port Washington
firemen have ever had to fight.

J. W. Lillas, it is understood, is the
owner of the plant, which he took over
a year ago from the former proprie-
tors. Many of the burned yachts, it
is said, were not insured.

PHIPPS FAMILY FIGHT SAILFISH

New York Woman Hooks Monster
Which Charges Boat in
Gulf Stream.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 25.—After a
two-hour battle with a seven-foot sail-
fish in the Gulf Stream this morning,
Mrs. John S. Phipps, of New York,
aided by her husband and father, H. P.
Grace, landed it at the pier.

While the battle was at its height
the Phippses were in peril. They had
neglected to bring a gaff to keep big
fish away from their boat. Mrs.
Phipps caught again and again charged
the craft, which was in danger of being
punctured by the fish's sword. When
it rushed at the boat Mr. Phipps and
Mr. Grace rained blows on its head
with the butts of their fishing rods,
while the boatmen rowed for shore.

They overtook some negroes in a boat,
who killed the fish with their gaffs.
There was a big crowd on the pier to
cheer Mrs. Phipps when she landed.

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MURRAY'S FAILURE BLOW TO BRITAIN

Battleships Planned for on
Assumption He Would
Get Oilfields.

SHIPBUILDING PLANS
SUDDENLY CHANGED

Peer Driven Out of South America
by Efforts of Men He
Had Bested.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, Jan. 25.—Lord Murray of
Ellbank, who has refused all requests
for interviews since he returned to Eng-
land, in a speech last Wednesday at a
dinner given at the Holborn Restau-
rant by Lord Coward to the heads of
departments of S. Pearson & Son
told his intimate friends and business
associates gathered there the inside
story of his South American trip.

Lord Murray acknowledged he had
come back a beaten man and said that
his chagrin and disappointment were so
deep that he could not go into all the
details, but he told enough to make
it plain that Lord Murray, who left
England as ex-chief whip of the Liberal
party, deeply involved in the Marconi
scandals and the most discredited
politician in England for fifty years, at
one time expected to return holding in
his hands not only great oil concessions
from South and Central America, but
a Colombian concession for an Atlantic-
Pacific canal, which could be held as a
club over the United States to force
the granting of free passage to British
ships in the Panama Canal, as well as
all other demands which England might
make with regard to the canal or com-
mercial or other privileges in South and
Central America, and thus be able to
triumph to proclaim himself the great-
est imperialist statesman since Sir
Henry Morgan. The curtain would, of
course, in those circumstances be
drawn on the Marconi scandals, there
would be no investigation and Lord
Murray would slide into his seat in the
House of Peers crowned with glory.

Cupidity His Undoing.
What Lord Murray neglected to tell
of was his own cupidity in endeavor-
ing to seize without payment the re-
sults of two years' work and the ex-
penditure of large sums by another
British subject seeking oil rights in
Colombia. This made the other Eng-
lishman and the latter's American
partner turn on Lord Murray and drive
him out of South America without any
concessions either for oil or for a canal,
and Lord Murray, through seeking to
overreach a fellow subject, lost Pear-
son's money and his own glory and
forced Great Britain into a retrograde
naval policy at a time when other na-
tions are forging ahead and con-
stantly building larger, faster and
more powerful battleships with bigger
guns.

England is now compelled to return
to the smaller type of ship and to the
smaller calibre of guns, for the an-
nounced British policy of construction
of warships depended wholly on ob-
taining the adequate oil supply which
Lord Murray was to find in South and
Central America.

The battleships voted last year of the
Queen Elizabeth class are of 27,500
tons and 25 knots, with 15-inch guns,
using exclusively oil fuel, and Winston
Churchill, in announcing his pro-
gramme at that time, declared that
in future all the ships of the British
navy would use oil fuel. The Admi-
rality planned to build five battle-
ships, according to this year's pro-
gramme, of 30,000 tons each, but Lord
Murray's campaign having failed the
announcement was made last week
quietly, almost casually, that the five
battleships of this year's programme
would be of 25,000 tons and 21 knots,
with 13.5-inch guns, coal being the
principal fuel and oil only an auxil-
iliary.

Meanwhile all the great powers ex-
cept France are adopting either 15 or
14 inch guns, while all are building
battleships of vastly greater tonnage
than the new British ships. Germany
and Italy will have 15-inch guns on
ships of 29,000 and 30,000 tons, Russia
14-inch guns on ships of 32,200 tons,
Japan 14-inch guns on ships of 30,000
tons, the United States 14-inch guns
on ships of 31,400 and 38,600 tons, and
France 13.5-inch guns on ships of 29,
500 tons.

Naval critics say that the heavy
ships and guns are sufficiently power-
ful to blow smaller vessels out of the
water, and that England, with its
lightweight fleet, would be swept off
the sea in case of war by an adversary
having numerically a smaller fleet but
a preponderance in tonnage armament
and speed. Nevertheless, since Lord
Murray's failure the Admiralty is
powerless, as all its calculations were
based on oil fuel. To cap the climax
of Admiralty woe, after spending \$1-
250,000 in trying to perfect electric ma-
chinery for the moving turrets of the
Queen Elizabeth all the machinery has
had to be torn out and replaced by
hydraulic machinery.

Spent Two Years Prospecting.
When Lord Murray went to South
America, J. Chester Thompson, a Cana-
dian, of Toronto, the Colombian
Syndicate, Ltd., and Charles E. Otis,
of New York, president of the syndi-
cate, had been in Colombia for two
years prospecting for oil, and de-
voured large tracts of land in various
states through Colombian agents and

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BANDITS ROB DRUG STORE Knock Clerk Down with Pistol and Escape with \$40.

Four men entered the drug store of
Otto Finkelstein, at No. 1780 Walker
avenue, The Bronx, late last night, and
after stunning the clerk with the butt
of a pistol robbed the till of \$40. Jacob
Finkelstein, sixteen years old, brother
of the proprietor, could give the police
only a very meagre description of his
assailants.

He said that he had been struck
while rummaging through the stock for
massage cream which was ordered by
the men. A doctor found that young
Finkelstein's skull had been fractured.
The boy was not discovered until some
minutes after the robbery.

JOHNSON OPERATED ON Ex-Fire Commissioner Resting Comfortably in Sanatorium.

Joseph Johnson, former Fire Com-
missioner, who managed the campaign
of Justice McCall for Mayor last year,
was operated on for appendicitis at
Miss Alston's, No. 26 West 61st street,
at 6:30 o'clock last night.

The operation was an emergency one.
Dr. John F. Erdmann, who performed
it, said: "While Mr. Johnson's condi-
tion is very serious, I look for his re-
covery. His appendix was found to be
gangrenous; it was the largest I
have ever seen."

FIVE DEAD, SCORE HURT IN COLLISION

Every Passenger in Mich-
igan Central Coach
Killed or Injured.

Jackson, Mich., Jan. 25.—Five per-
sons were killed and twenty others
were injured to-night when a Michi-
gan Central passenger train from
Saginaw, due here at 10:10 p. m.,
crashed into a freight train about three
miles outside the city.

The baggage car and one coach of
the passenger train were telescoped,
and every passenger in the coach was either
killed or injured.

Several of the wounded were brought
to hospitals here.

Owing to the darkness, the work of
rescue was slow and difficult. Two
hours after the collision a number of
the passengers were still in the wreck-
age, and it was believed that some of
those also were dead.

BYSTANDER KILLED AS GANGMEN FIGHT

Another Outsider Is Victim of
Rival Bands as They Exchange
Shots in Street.

The "Galaxy" and O'Rourke gangs,
whose revolver battles had already
brought death to a man not concerned
in the strife, engaged in another fight
at Pike and Madison streets at 1
o'clock this morning, and during it
Israel Asofsky, thirty-three, who kept
a stand at the corner, and was pre-
paring to close up and go home, was
shot and so wounded that he died on
his removal to Bellevue Hospital.

The police of the Madison street
station hurried out and the fighters fled.
One of the men running away was Ro-
sario Angelico, nineteen years old, of
No. 92 Catharine street, an alleged
member of the "Galaxy" gang. He was
locked up, charged with homicide.

O'Rourke, who heads the opposing
gang, is now in Gouverneur Hospital,
recovering from a bullet wound re-
ceived in a fight three months ago.
The first "innocent bystander" was
killed about two months ago.

GAME OFFICER HELD FOR SHOOTING MAN

Defence Is Farmer Resented Ar-
rest and That Gun Went Off
During Scuffle.

Charged with shooting Frederick
Straub, a farmer of Glen Head, who
is now in the Nassau Hospital, Min-
necola, Thomas H. Allen, a game pro-
tecteur of Port Washington, Long Is-
land, was arraigned before Justice of
the Peace Lyster at Glen Cove yester-
day afternoon and released on bail.

Allen says he went over to Straub's
farm yesterday afternoon to see if any
one in Glen Head was engaging in the
usual Sunday custom of gunning. He
met Straub, a shotgun in hand.

"Any luck?" he asked.

"Nothing but a few squirrels," he
says Straub replied. Thereupon he told
the farmer he was under arrest, and
Straub raised his shotgun and aimed
it at him. He struck Straub with the
revolver butt to save himself. There
was a struggle and the revolver was
discharged. The bullet entered the
right side of Straub's neck and passed
down into the body. It was removed.
Straub will recover.

Straub, before reaching the hospital,
said Allen attacked him without cause
and knocked him down twice with the
revolver. He asserted he didn't know
he was shot until he was on his way
to the physician's home.

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MRS. AMEND DIES BY 12-STORY LEAP

Third Attempt at Suicide, in
Day, by Drug Man's
Widow Succeeds.

SHE HAD NOT SLEPT
SINCE HIS DEATH

Grief Causes Deed—Watchers
Sent from Room by Ruse—
Falls Into Crowd.

Mrs. Josephine Branser Amend,
widow of Robert F. Amend, of the
wholesale drug firm of Elmer & Amend,
who died January 5, committed sui-
cide at 9 o'clock last night by jumping
from her bedroom window on the
twelfth floor of the St. Urban Apart-
ments, 89th street and Central Park
West.

Previously during the day she had
made two attempts to end her life by
the same method. She had not been
able to sleep since her husband died.

At 8:45 o'clock last night she told
her maid, Frieda Kuehner, who had a
visitor, a Mrs. Sturgis, that she was
going to retire, and she asked the maid
to turn out all the lights except one
in an anteroom. Since the night of
Mr. Amend's death every light in the
apartment had been kept going.

"And get me a cup of hot coffee," she
said. "Make it as hot as you can."

As she talked she disrobed and
donned her nightgown.

Miss Gertrude M. Amend, seventeen
years old, was with her mother in the
bedroom, and she followed the maid
and Mrs. Sturgis toward the kitchen
to assist in carrying out the order.
They were boiling the water when
Frieda told Mrs. Sturgis to go back to
the bedroom and watch Mrs. Amend.
Just then the maid heard the sound of
the bedroom sash being raised, and she
brushed by Mrs. Sturgis and Miss
Amend and rushed into Mrs. Amend's
room. As she got there she saw Mrs.
Amend standing in her nightgown on
the window ledge.

Frieda screamed and Miss Amend
and Mrs. Sturgis ran into the room.
The maid was trying to grasp the edge
of Mrs. Amend's nightdress, but this
move was frustrated. Mrs. Amend de-
liberately poised herself for a dive.
She plunged to the sidewalk before any
hands could restrain her.

A number of persons were passing
the house when Mrs. Amend plunged
down among them. Several women
screamed and Patrolman Pope, at Cen-
tral Park West and 89th street, ran up.
Mrs. Amend had been instantly killed.

After an ambulance surgeon had
gone through a formality Coroner
Reardon was notified by telephone.
During the hour that elapsed before he
appeared the body lay on the sidewalk,
the policeman being so excited he did
not think of bringing the body into the
apartment house.

Following Mrs. Amend's death, Dr.
August Siebert, of No. 114 East 57th
street, the family physician and a long-
time friend, had been in attendance
several times a day at the Amend
apartment. He was much worried over
the fact that he could do nothing to
soothe his patient, who remarked con-
stantly that she had lost everything
when her husband died.

Her condition became such that Dr.
Siebert, unable to watch her all the
time because of his other duties, and
realizing that the young daughter had
worn herself out in her attentions to
her mother, deputized his son, Charles,
to assist in this work. He was at the
house early yesterday, and during that
time Mrs. Amend tried twice to get to
the window. Siebert, Miss Amend and
the maid held her back.

In the afternoon J. P. Polch, execu-
tor of Mr. Amend's estate, was a visi-
tor, and suggested that Siebert take her
for a walk. Mrs. Amend was agreeable
and they went into Central Park. They
returned late in the evening and Polch
came back. He left about 8:30 with
Siebert.

Coroner Reardon said he learned that
to induce sleep Mrs. Amend had been
given what he termed "hypnotic
drugs," but these had not been effec-
tive.

Mr. Amend's death was very sudden.
In 1909 he was stricken with paralysis
and he had to give up his personal at-
tention to business. In caring for him
Mrs. Amend's health was affected.

Mr. Amend was fifty-one, his wife a
few years younger. He was treasurer
and director of Elmer & Amend, the
big drug firm, whose establishment is
at Third avenue and 18th street. Mr.
Amend also was second vice-president
of the German Exchange Bank.

THINK NOMA BRIDAL YACHT Shipbuilders Believe Astor Will Use Boat on Honeymoon.

Vincent Astor's steam yacht, the
Noma, is undergoing a thorough over-
hauling at the yards of the Staten
Island Shipbuilding Company, at Port
Richmond, Staten Island, and accord-
ing to those in charge of the work the
Noma is to be finished about the time
the young millionaire is to marry. It
is generally believed that Mr. Astor is
having his yacht fitted up so that he
will be able to spend his honeymoon
upon it.

New boilers are being installed, the
engines are being overhauled, and when
the Noma leaves the yards she will be
much speedier than before. She will
then be painted both inside and out-
side and her cabins luxuriously re-
fitted. The yacht will be sent to Man-
hattan early in the spring.

—Adv.



GEORGE E. ROBERTS.

ROBERTS TO GO ON RESERVE BOARD

Appointment of Mint Di-
rector Decided on by
President.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Jan. 25.—George E.
Roberts, Director of the Mint, has
practically been settled upon by the
President as a member of the Federal
Reserve Board, which will have charge
of the administration of the new cur-
rency system.

The appointment will go far toward
confirming the prediction that the
President will not be actuated by par-
tisan motives in making his selections
for the board. Mr. Roberts is a Repu-
blican, but his achievements in the
political field are of little importance
compared to the record he has made
for himself, not only as a practical
banker, but as a student and authority
on financial questions.

As Director of the Mint he has
come to be recognized as probably the
greatest authority in the United States
on the production, distribution and
movement of gold, the reserve basis
upon which banking and credit are es-
tablished. In this capacity he would
be an important member of the Re-
serve Board, as one of the prime ob-
jects of the new system is the estab-
lishment of a large gold reserve in the
United States.

Mr. Roberts came from Fort Dodge,
Iowa. He was proprietor of "The Fort
Dodge Messenger" for several years
and was Public Printer of the state. He
began his service as Director of the
Mint in 1898, and after nine years' ser-
vice was president for a time of the
Commercial National Bank of Chicago.

The President is being allowed a
free field to choose the members of the
Reserve Board without interference
from Democratic Senators. This was
disclosed last night at a dinner of
Washington bankers, at which Senator
Hollis, of New Hampshire, a member
of the Banking and Currency Com-
mittee, was one of the speakers. Sen-
ator Hollis said that the Democrats of
the Senate had agreed not to recom-
mend any one to the President for ap-
pointment to the Reserve Board—
probably a wise precaution, in view of
the fact that the President, while at
Pass Christian, let it be known that he
would not only disregard all recom-
mendations, but would observe the rule
of having the office seek the man
rather than of having the man seek the
office.

Senator Hollis told the bankers that
he was almost on the point of breaking
the letter of the agreement without
violating the spirit of it by suggesting
to the President that he appoint to the
board a Republican pre-eminently
fitted for the task who had written an
article approximately four years ago
suggesting a plan for currency reform
which was startlingly similar in gen-
eral outline to the system provided in
the currency act.

Senator Hollis did not disclose the
name of the author of the earlier plan,
but further inquiry revealed that it
was Mr. Roberts.

SQUIRRELS' SPREE CAUSES FISH TALE

Winsted, Ahoy! Listen to Bard of
Tarrytown Describe a Merry
Cocktail.

When "Bud" Weeks, of Tarrytown,
goes fishing he always comes back with
a good catch or a good story. Yester-
day he brought back both.

"As I was going along the lake road,"
he said, "I saw two gray squirrels eat-
ing out of a small pasteboard box. When
I approached they staggered away like
drunken men."

"I looked at the box and saw it was
labelled 'chocolate cocktails.'"
"I watched the squirrels as they
tried to climb a tree and get in their
holes, and they were just like a drunken
man trying to find the keyhole, and had
about as much success."

"I went on fishing, and as I was com-
ing home, what do you suppose I saw?"
Both of the little animals were sitting
on the side of the lake leaning their
heads against a cake of ice. They were
a sick looking pair, I tell you."

—Adv.

O'GORMAN TOLD SULZER ABOUT STEWART'S FIX

Senator Admits Informing
Him Regarding Plight of
Canal Contractor.

DENIES GOING
TO SEE MURPHY

Warned Governor to Be-
ware of Gaffney While in
Washington, '